

Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR)
Executive Committee
May 8, 2023

Present: Cole Uecker, Kevin Barber, Brad Konechne, and Eric Weiss. Others present: Colette Wagoner, BVR staff. Julie Paluch was the interpreter.

The meeting was convened at 1:30 pm central time via Zoom.

The committee met to review and discuss the agenda for the upcoming June meeting. Two presentations suggested by various Division staff will include STRIVE and Employer Partnerships. Updates will also be provided by the Business Resource Network organizations. Katie Gran and Kim Ludwig have agreed to assist with facilitating these agenda items and the conversation.

The Election of Officers agenda item was discussed in more detail. Brad will term off the Board the end of June and Kevin is not interested in serving another term as an officer. In previous years, the executive committee has brought forth a proposed slate of officers for consideration. This included committee members reaching out to members to ascertain their willingness and ability to serve prior to adding their names to the proposed slate. Each position is brought forward one at a time, i.e., Chair, Vice Chair and Member At Large and nominations are asked from the floor.

Cole mentioned that he considered stepping down with assuming his new role with Disability Rights SD. He agreed if other members were interested in assuming various positions, he would welcome this and step down. Cole stated he was thinking of serving one more year on the Board, and look to another person/staff to represent the Client Assistance Program to serve on the Board. He would like to have this person attend meetings this year to become better acquainted with the board and its role. With Brad and Kevin both ending their terms this summer, Cole agreed to serve another term, if elected. Others appreciated this, noting it would provide consistency/continuity for the Board. Eric agreed to reach out to several members to inquire about their interest in serving as an officer and adding their name to the proposed slate.

Staff shared a practice poll using a Zoom feature. The poll was a ballot voting for a position (i.e., chairperson). Members were able to participate, and staff reported the outcome of the vote. There was discussion of the use of this feature with different aspects of meetings. Staff has to figure out how or if the results are saved utilizing Zoom. If there is the ability to save/print results of the polls then the results would be filed with meeting related items.

The last item discussed was Honoring Outgoing Members. Members terming off the Board will receive a gift in appreciation of their time and service to the Board. Members terming off will be asked to submit a picture of themselves with their gift. The pictures might be utilized in the Board's annual report.

There was no other business to discuss at this time. The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 pm.